



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Baptism of the Lord (Year B) - 10 January 2021

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, stricter restrictions apply on all masses. From 3 January 2021, our church can have 100 people with 4-square-metre rule.



MASS TIMES

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9:15am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil
 5.00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10am &
 5.00pm

Weekend Masses, Saturday, 5:00 pm vigil; Sunday, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm no booking for 100 people but needs to register on entry on main church door; same with weekday masses. No booking for all these masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday: 11.00am -12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. (Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)



REFLECTION

Baptism in Judaism in Jesus' time was done through immersion. One enters 'into the waters' which recalls the death symbolism of the annihilating power of the ocean flood. One therefore 'dies' to sin which one confesses while being immersed in the water.

But the flowing waters of the river also symbolise life. As one emerges from the water, one is purified of the sinful past that burdens and distorts life. One becomes new again and starts a new life.

How does this apply to Jesus? He has no sins to confess, as pointed out by John himself: 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!' (Matthew 3:14). Rather, Jesus' lining up with sinners to receive baptism, expresses his solidarity with sinful humanity; he takes the burden of humankind's guilt upon his shoulders and removes it by his resurrection. Jesus' baptism is his 'anointing' by God, empowering him to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove. And the heavenly Father declares Jesus as his beloved Son, with whom he is well pleased. Receiving his 'credentials', Jesus begins his journey which will end in his death and resurrection.

Our own baptism opens for us 'the door' to a journey from a state of sin into a new life, as we are 'immersed' in water and rise from it. St Paul tells us the effect of this sacrament: 'We went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from death by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life' (Romans 6:4).

God's Word 2021 Daily Reflections

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Dear parishioners,

We have again new stricter restrictions due to some cases of community transmission of Coronavirus in many places of NSW. These new restrictions took effect from Sunday, 3rd January.

We have to be careful and take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. **We are again back to 4 square metre rule with 100 people in the church.** Indicators are in each pew for the limit of number of people to sit unless from same household. Dot markers are placed where people should sit. **No booking required on all masses but on a first come, first serve basis.**

It is always a requirement that attendees should register before entering the church. It is compulsory that registration now is through scanning the Service NSW QR code using smartphones with Service NSW App. For those with no smart mobile phones please write your name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on Weekdays.

As you would all be aware, the government has made the wearing of face masks mandatory in closed-in places, including places of worship. THIS IS NOW COMPULSORY, \$200 fine imposed for not wearing. Congregation singing is now cancelled until further notice. We are trying as much as possible to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. I will be wearing mask during and after mass as required by the Archdiocese. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection and compliance.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church is open for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 12:00 noon Tuesday to Saturday.** Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required. Entry by side door.
2. **Daily Mass:**
Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 9:15am
Friday 11:00am-12:00pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by Mass at 12:00pm.
Maximum of 100 people. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. **No booking required.**
3. **Saturday 9:15 am** morning Mass is followed by **Confession until 10.30am. No booking required.**
4. **Weekend Mass, regular schedule resumed, maximum of 100 people. All weekend mass - no Booking required**
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
10:00am
5:00pm

Please come early when attending mass for registration and to secure your seats. Until further notice, we are allowed **100 people inside the church on a first come, first, serve basis. Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 100.**

5. **In our 20 December bulletin, we had stated that Dispensation had been lifted but with the current situation of more cases of Coronavirus going around, dispensation is again back until further notice. All Catholics but priests will be dispensed from Sunday and Holy day obligations. Those unable to**

attend mass are encouraged to do Prayers at home, reading scriptures or watching live streamed mass on TV and asking God for graces normally received at Holy Communion.

6. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
7. For **funerals** up to 100 people with 4-square metre rule.
8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 100 attendees subject to 4-square-metre rule.
9. **Weddings** - can be celebrated with 100 guests inside our church. Other venues, 100 people.

All of these notices might change depending on the Covid 19 situation.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, I am available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

Please remember that you may offer Mass for anniversaries, special intentions, thanksgiving or any reason simply by placing your request in an envelope and bringing that to the office or in the mass offering box at the presbytery.

Please continue to check our parish website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au or Ph: 9150 9665

Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

January 2021

11 Mon Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)
Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20 (305) Pss I

12 Tue
Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 (306)

13 Wed
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 (307)

14 Thu
Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

15 Fri
Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

16 Sat
Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

17 SUN SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 (65)

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

None in January 2021; next is
Thursday, 4 February 2021
7:00 pm RSVP: 2 February 2021
Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz,
ph 0414 979 241; Myrna De La Pena,
ph 0490 410 896



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday, 10 January 2021

First Reading

[Is 55:1-11](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come to the water; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to
eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.
See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples,
a leader and a master of the nations.
See, you will summon a nation you never knew,
those unknown will come hurrying to you,
for the sake of the Lord your God,
of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.
Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the
heavens and do not return without watering the earth,
making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for
the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that
goes from my mouth does not return to me empty,
without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it
was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm

[Is 12:2-6. R. v.6](#)

**(R.) You will draw water joyfully from the springs
of salvation.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **(R.)**
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **(R.)**
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[1 Jn 5:1-9](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the
Father that begot him loves the child that he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us; this is what loving God is—keeping
his commandments; and his commandments are not
difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by
God has already overcome the world; this is the
victory over the world—our faith. Who can overcome
the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is
the Son of God. Jesus Christ who came by water and
blood, not with water only, but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness—since the Spirit is
the truth—so that there are three witnesses,
the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of
them agree. We accept the testimony of human
witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater,
and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his
Son.

Gospel Acclamation

[See Mk 9:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was
heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 1:7-11](#)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said,
'Someone is following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and
undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with
water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'
It was at this time that Jesus came
from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in
the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of
the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the
Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice
came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my
favour rests on you.'

PRAYERS for our Parish:

"Welcome everyone to our live
celebration of the Mass and the joy of
receiving the Blessed Eucharist. As the
caring Community of OLF Kingsgrove, we reach out in
love and prayers to our brothers and
sisters living in **Bonalbo & Burrell Streets**
praying for their needs and intentions."





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper and Millie Czerny (Huntingdon Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), Esme Roberts (St Mary's Hostel, Berkeley) Maria Ryan (Bupa, Clemton Park), Mike Skennar (Maronite Sisters Village, Dulwich Hill), Jane Gallo (Blakehurst Aged Care Centre), Patricia North (Southhaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Monica Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care); Anthony (Tony) Redford (Pathways Cronulla Pines).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick: Kevin Ryan, John & Maureen Dowd, John Foxe, Elisa De Guzman, Nelly Vanzyl, Rosa Alaso, Rhose Cunningham, David Burrell, Joanne Dick, Caterina Ancona, Joe Millen, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Carol Braga, Betty Maguire, Michael & Eileen Neville, Rosemary Cooley, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, John Foxe, Angelo Taranto, James Critto, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Antonietta Roberto, Lou Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben & Lena Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

John Fisher (father of Damian Fisher), Bishop Geoff Robinson, Joel Tonel, Raffy Hizon, Abla Nader, Wilson Villamala, Kerry Single, Robert Powell, Fernande Cantrell, Edmund Pew.

Anniversaries: Jack Martyn, Colin Burns, Paul Deacon, Lorenzo Gianotta, Ronald Watson, Anthony Sheehan, Kevin Dale, Anthony Van Beers, Charlie Dix, James Porter, George Schembri, Antoinetta Condoluci, Veronica Barker, Winifred Moris, Wilhemia Bentley, Fortune Dorman, Carl Morrissey, John Twyford, Nell Garrety, Patrick Robinson, Eileen Derrig, Chiara Di Francesco, Beny Di Franco, Violet Hennessy, Herbert McDonough, Bill Humphreys, Jack Morris.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Gener-Jasmin family, Hizon-Consunji family and friends, Powell, Stead & Hicky families; deceased Angel Magnaye, Richard, Mary, Paul & Reymond Coorie, Yvette Basha, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 16/17 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	V Hoban	S Fisher
Commentator:	J Hoban	E Russo
Acolyte:	Michelle/Christopher	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	M Policarpio	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte :	Michael	Wilson



Prayers against the Spread of Corona Virus

God our Father, we come to you in our need. We ask for your protection against the COVID-19 Corona Virus, that has claimed many lives and has affected many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion and of those governments and private agencies that must find a cure and a solution to this pandemic. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**



"Safeguarding in our Parish

It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

Are you a part of the Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Youth Ministry, a Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counter?

To protect our children and youth, if you have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

If you are over 18, you also need a Working with Children (WWC) approval that you can apply for online.

Volunteers do not need to pay for the WWC.

Thank you to the volunteers of our OLF Community who have already attended Safeguarding Training and supplied details of their WWC to the Parish Office.

During June, the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office is asking adults, youth and children to participate in a staying safe online 5 minute CyberSafety

Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can approach Fr Casey, or email John Deacon and Gina Giuffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) via the email

address safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney Child

sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingequities@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.